

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Dara" YEAR MONTH

Built at Port Glasgow When 1915 - 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's Name Bombay & Persia Ltd. Nav. Comd.

Address P.O. Box 194, Bank Street, Bombay

Previously before Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Casualty 30th November, 1933.

Particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have been seriously damaged by fire at Calcutta which broke out on the 30th November, 1933.

The Calcutta Surveyor examined the vessel afloat & found extensive damage to the shade upper decks & shell plating in shade tween decks, &c.

Temporary repairs were effected to enable the vessel to proceed on two "coal" voyages on the Indian Coast.

The Calcutta Surveyor stated in a communication dated 30th May, that the vessel had been sold to Messrs Ko Che, Metal Merchants, of Shanghai, at which port it was understood she would be broken up.

According to the Shipping Papers the vessel arrived at Shanghai on the 15th May.

In reply to inquiry the Shanghai Surveyor now states per cablegram that the vessel is being broken up.

Date of writing this report

21st June

1934

Tons (Net) 3083
Gross 4922

Owner's reply

RPTM of Bombay

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

DARA.—Calcutta, Dec. 1.—Last night fire broke out in hold of British steamer Dara and is not yet extinguished but is under control.

Liverpool, Dec. 1.—Messrs. Tait & MacLellan & Co., Ltd., Calcutta, advise steamer Dara is on fire during service.

Calcutta, Dec. 1.—British steamer Dara: Fire not yet extinguished. Cargo consisting of linseed, jute and goatskins, damaged by fire and water. Shippers Rallis R. Steel Dharmia Francis Vianest Ralli linseed insured at Lloyd's. In order to prevent rapid deterioration assessor recommends immediate sale best possible terms. Damage to hull not known. Owners called for survey. Vessel taken heavy list to starboard.

DARA.—London, Dec. 4.—Steamer Dara, loading general cargo at Calcutta for U.K. Cont.:—Liverpool correspondents advise the following information provided by the charterers: Fire broke out in No. 3 shelter deck and all the cargo in Nos. 2 and 3 holds is damaged by fire and water. 3163 bales of jute for Bilbao and Pasajes and 4079 bags of linseed for London all fire and water damaged. Some damage by water is reported in No. 4 hold, but the nature of the cargo is not yet known. Arrangements have been made for all sound cargo to be transferred to another steamer.

Calcutta, Dec. 4.—Steamer Dara: Fire not yet extinguished. Vessel still listed, discharge of damaged cargo commenced. Ralli rate approximately 3025 bales linseed 403 bags damaged by fire and water, 4275 bags water damaged.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

DARA.—London, Dec. 7.—Advice from Liverpool state that the owners of the steamer Dara have received the following cable from Calcutta, dated Dec. 5:—Dara: General average has been declared; fire under control and should be extinguished to-morrow.

It is further understood that all the cargo on board at the time of the outbreak of the fire, namely 288 tons, has been discharged, the sound cargo being transferred to other steamer.

DARA.—Calcutta, Dec. 8.—Steamer Dara: Fire not yet extinguished. Discharge continuing, hope to extinguish fire to-morrow and have all damaged jute unloaded on Sunday (Dec. 10).—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

DARA.—Calcutta, Dec. 11.—Steamer Dara: Fire extinguished. All cargo discharged, except Ralli linseed, which is now proceeding.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record

Damaged by Fire 11.33 - Broken up

Date of Committee

THE 26 JUN 1934

Committee's Minute

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Character Assigned

Character Delivered

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